

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace, without prejudice, all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a piezoelectric actuator for injection of fuel supplied by a fuel supply rail, comprising:

performing a voltage detection at a specified time of a voltage applied to the piezoelectric actuator in order to produce a detected voltage; and

~~if a certain variable is present,~~ selectively blocking at least one of the voltage detection and a relaying of the detected voltage value, depending on a detected fuel pressure in the fuel supply rail.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the detected voltage value is used for at least one of monitoring and forming a controlled variable.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the blocking is ~~carried out as a function of~~ further dependent on a variable that characterizes an interval between a time the voltage is measured and at least one of a charging operation and a discharging operation of the piezoelectric actuator.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the blocking is ~~carried out as a function of~~ further dependent on a triggering duration of the piezoelectric actuator.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the blocking is ~~carried out as a function of~~ further dependent on a charging time of the piezoelectric actuator.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the blocking is ~~carried out as a function of~~ further dependent on a difference between a triggering duration and a charging time of the piezoelectric actuator.
19. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the blocking is ~~carried out as a function of~~ further dependent on a delivery duration of a final control element operated by the piezoelectric actuator.
20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein in the event of blocking, the last non-blocked voltage value is used for at least one of a closed-loop control and monitoring.
21. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein in the event of blocking, the last manipulated variable used prior to blocking is used for open-loop control.
22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for controlling a piezoelectric actuator for injection of fuel supplied by a fuel supply rail, comprising:
 ~~an arrangement for performing~~ a voltage detection unit configured to perform a voltage detection at a specified time of a voltage applied to the piezoelectric actuator in order to produce a detected voltage; and
 ~~an arrangement for, if a certain variable is present,~~ a control unit configured for selectively blocking at least one of the voltage detection and a relaying of the detected voltage value, depending on a detected fuel pressure in the fuel supply rail.